

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—That is a question which I am not able to answer now. But, I know we have finished more than 50 per cent of the work, the financial target has been reached and we have spent more than 10,000 rupees.

2-00 P.M.

Sri F. H. MOHSIN.—Is it a fact that the work that has been done is defective and that the sewer lines and the hydraulic tests that have been done are quite defective and that the scheme will not be successful?

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—It cannot be presumed like that. If technical scrutiny says that it is defective, then naturally, it must be set right. But I do not think it is defective at all.

Sri F. H. MOHSIN.—In the interest of the City, will the Government think of sending some expert to examine it and see whether the work that has been done so far is satisfactory?

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—Unless we satisfy ourselves that the work is technically good, we will not proceed further.

Sri R. M. PATIL.—May I know when the defect was discovered?

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—No defects are discovered so far.

ACCIDENT TO THE M. G. R. T. D. LUXURY BUS NEAR KHATHASANDRA VILLAGE

*Q.—740. Sri B. S. SHANKARAPPA (Hosadurga).—

Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether it is not a fact that an M. G. R. T. D. Luxury Bus met with an accident near Khathasandra village on 16th May 1961;

(b) the cause for the accident and the number of persons injured and died;

(c) whether it is a fact that the driver was on sick leave and was forced to join duty though he requested further extension of leave?

A.—Sri K. F. PATIL (Minister for State Transport, Mining and Food).—

(a) Yes.

(b) It appears that the driver, while driving the vehicle slumped on the steering wheel, as a result of which the bus dashed against the projected portion of a tree. The driver of the vehicle died, and 7 passengers were injured.

(c) No.

Sri B. S. SHANKARAPPA.—Sir, in reply to (c) the answer is 'No'; reply to (b) is 'the driver of the vehicle slumped on the steering'. May I know the reason why?

Sri K. F. PATIL.—After the death of the driver, the post-mortem examination reveals that the death was due to heart failure on account of the bursting liver.

Sri B. S. SHANKARAPPA.—Is it not a fact that the driver was on leave and he was forced to come on duty and take the vehicle?

Sri K. F. PATIL.—The reply to that question has been furnished. It is 'No'. He was on leave not on account of illness from 21st March 1961 to 7th April 1961, But because his father-in-law sick at Ambur.

Sri G. N. PUTTANNA.—Has the investigation disclosed that the person who died applied for extention of leave and it was entered in the FROM register and after his death, it was erased? Is it a fact?

Sri K. F. PATIL.—So far as my information goes, it is not correct.

Sri G. N. PUTTANNA.—Will the Government be pleased to call for FROM register and verify it and give the answer?

Sri K. F. PATIL.—My information is based on the General Manager's Report. If you question it, I am prepared to enquire into the matter.

Mr. SPEAKER.—In view of the members question, he will make enquiries.

Sri B. S. SHANKARAPPA.—What is the relief given to the dependents of the driver Sir?

Sri K. F. PATIL.—I have no idea. If a specific question is put, I will enquire.

Sri B. S. SHANKARAPPA.—Will the Government consider that the driver was on leave and that he was forced to come on duty by the General Manager?

Sri K. F. PATIL.—We have said 'No'.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—May I know the procedure that is followed in allotting drivers on each road and what is time and interval given to these drivers to report for duty? What was the interval given to this particular driver before he was asked to go on this road?

Sri K. F. PATIL.—I have no idea. He was off duty prior to this date and he joined duty and he was sent on this road.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—I want to know what exactly was the interval between the date of his reporting to duty and date on which he was on leave?

Sri K. F. PATIL.—If a specific question is asked, I will answer.